Hab. North America (coll. Castelnau).—Mexico, Oaxaca (Höge); Guatemala
(Salvin), near the city (Champion); Honduras (Sallé).

This is similarly coloured on the upper surface to Belonuchus formosus, but beneath
the anterior part of the breast and the four front coxae are black; it is also much larger
than B. formosus, and the spines on the hind femora of the male consist of a few
closely placed, and confined to the basal third of the femur. The male has only a slight
emargination on the last ventral plate.

Although the male characters of this species and Philonthus xanthomelas are so
different, I am not able to point out any certain character for distinguishing the females
of the two; usually in P. xanthomelas the metasternum is black, but I have one male
individual in which it is red, and if a similar variety should occur in the female I do not
see how it could be distinguished from B. pollens.

The locality North America is given on the authority of an example from Castelnau’s
collection labelled “Philonthus extremus, Chev., Am. bor.”

8. Belonuchus iridescens.

Hab. Mexico ¹.

9. Belonuchus erythropterus. (Tab. XI. fig. 13.)

Hab. Mexico ¹, Oaxaca (Höge), Guanajuato, Cuernavaca, Puebla (Sallé).—Venezuela
(coll. Sharp).

A large series of this species, varying excessively in size and development, from 11
to 21 millim. in length, was met with by Höge. The male characters are but slight,
confined, in fact, to an emargination of the apical ventral plate; the other abdominal
characters mentioned by Solsky as indicating this sex being only visible in certain
individuals, and dependent on slight peculiarities of the shape and sculpture of the hind
body, both of which are very remarkable in this species. Sallé considers the species in
his collection to be Say’s Staphylinus ephippiatus.

The figure is that of a large variety of the male from Guanajuato, in which the last
segment is scarcely emarginate.

Nigerrimus; elytris rufis; abdomen crebro punctato, haud dilatato, punctis setigeris conspicuis tamen nec
grossis.

Long. 10–15 millim.

Hab. Mexico, Oaxaca (Höge), Vera Cruz (coll. Castelnau).

Extremely similar to B. erythropterus, but with the hind body of normal shape and